

REMARKS

Claims 14 and 16 are pending. Claims 1-13 and 15 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The allowance of claims 14 and 16 is hereby noted with appreciation.

The rejection of 15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Gitlin et al. (US 5,880,620) has been rendered moot by its cancellation.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. In particular, only allowed claims 14 and 16 remain pending in the application.

In the event that the Examiner believes that an interview would serve to advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned is available at the number noted below.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0458, under Order No. 20136-00305-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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